GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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WATER LOGGING IN KOSI IRRIGATION COMMAND AREA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that 1.4 lakh hectare land is affected by water logging in Kosi Irrigation Command Area resulting the loss of 20 lakh quintal of food-grains every year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) According to recent information received from Government of Bihar on 17.11.2000, about 82,000 ha. of area of Kosi Irrigation Command is affected by the problem of water logging. To tackle the problem of water logging in the Irrigation Commands covered under the Command Area Development Programme, a new component of "Reclamation of water logged areas in Irrigation Command" has been included in the programme since 1.4.1996. Under this component, Central assistance of Rs.6,000/- per ha. or half of the cost of reclamation, whichever is less, is provided to the State Government.

During 1997-98, a project proposal for reclamation of water logged areas in Kosi Irrigation Command was received by the Ministry of Water Resources. After examination of the proposal certain suggestions were given and a few clarifications/ additional information were asked for from the State Government and requested to resubmit the proposal.